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38TH MEETING NUCLEAR TEST BAN SUBCOMMITTEE.

TODAY'S MEETING CARRIED ON IN ROUTINE FASHION WITH RESTATEMENTS STANDARD POSITIONS EACH SIDE RE PARTIAL AND COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN. DETAILS OMITTED IN VIEW LIMITED INSTRUCTIONS.

TSARAPKIN (USSR) WAS RESTRAINED IN HIS PRESENTATION (AND AFFABLE IN CONVERSATION AFTER MEETING). TSARAPKIN URGED CONTINUED EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE TEST BAN AGREEMENT.

ONLY MENTION CUBAN SITUATION BY TSARAPKIN CAME IN BRIEF EXPLANATION WHY IN PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, IN WHICH ARMS RACE CONTINUING AND TENSIONS BEING INCREASED BY WEST, ANY INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION MUST BE EQUIVALENT TO ESPIONAGE AND WOULD NEVER BE ACCEPTED BY USSR. CITED PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON CUBA AS EXAMPLE NATO ACTIONS THREATENING PEACE AND BRINGING WORLD TO ABYSS OF WAR.

IN RESPONSE US (STELLE) SAID SOVIET ACTIONS WERE SOLE COURSE OF CRISIS AS SET FORTH IN PRESIDENT'S SPEECH. QUOTED PARAGRAPH FROM SPEECH CALLING FOR RENEWED EFFORTS HALT ARMS RACE. UKDEL SUPPORTED US POSITIONS ON TEST BAN AND SAID CUBAN CRISIS EMPHASIZED URGENCY OF TEST BAN AGREEMENT.

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY OCTOBER 25, 3:00 P.M.

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